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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

AMAZON.COM INC et al.,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

LIANG JIN ZHENG et al.,

Defendant(s).

CASE NO.
2:24−cv−01931−MLP

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO A U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE AND DECLINATION OF CONSENT FORM**

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This case has been assigned to United States Magistrate Judge Michelle L. Peterson. The Court requests the parties return this form if they wish to consent and have Judge Peterson preside over the entire case. *See* Second Amended General Order 02−19, 28 U.S.C. § 636, Local Magistrate Judge Rule 13, and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73.

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If the parties give consent, Magistrate Judge Peterson will preside over the entire case for all purposes, including any dispositive matter. This means that if the parties give consent, Magistrate Judge Peterson will not file a report and recommendation that is reviewable by a district judge. Instead, Magistrate Judge Peterson will enter a final order and judgment that will be appealable directly to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Consent to a Magistrate Judge is voluntary and entirely up to the parties. Any party may consent or decline consent by signing at the bottom and emailing this form to tim_farrell@wawd.uscourts.gov, or faxing it to 206−370−8425, or mailing it to U.S. District Court, 700 Stewart Street, Suite 2310, Seattle, WA 98101. This form must

be received by the court no later than **February 4, 2025**. If the Court does not receive this form by this date, or if a party declines consent, the Court will have this case reassigned to a United States District Judge. The identity of the party consenting, or declining consent, will not be communicated to any judge.

☐ **I consent and request the case be assigned to Magistrate Judge Peterson.**

☐ **I decline consent and request the case be reassigned to a District Judge.**

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**Attorney/Party's Signature        Party Represented                Date**

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